

# CROSSFIELD CHRONICLE

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

### AND CLAIMANTS

IN THE ESTATE OF Alfred MacMillan, late of the Village of Crossfield, in the Province of Alberta, Retired, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Alfred MacMillan, who died on the Third day of June, A.D. 1948, are required to file with the executors, Henry McDonald and Ed Moyers, care of their solicitors, Lipset and Collier, 310 Grain Exchange Bldg., Calgary, Alta., by the First day of February, A.D. 1949, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executors will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to their knowledge.

DATED at Calgary, Alta., this Eighth day of December, A.D. 1948.

Lipset and Collier,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
310 Grain Exchange Bldg.,  
Calgary, Alta.

## Churches

### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Evening at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. A. B. Lea, Rector.

### CROSSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister Rev. J. W. MacDonald

Sunday Service 11 a.m.

Prayer Service, Thursday 3:30 p.m.

Junior Service, Friday 7:00 p.m.

Y.P. Service, Friday 8 p.m.

Service at Dogpond each Sunday, at 3

Min. View Hall each Sunday at 4 p.m.

### UNITED CHURCH

C. W. Anderson, Minister

Madden —

Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Service at 12 o'clock noon.

Crossfield —

Sunday School at 11 a.m.

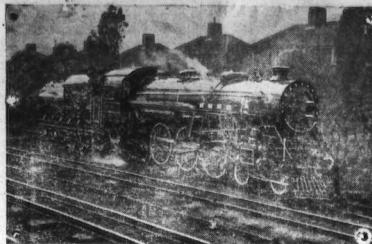
### WANTED

Farm 320 to 640 acres, be-

tween Airdrie and Casta

J. R. Airth, Bowness,

44 3p



**SMALLEST PUBLIC LOCOMOTIVE FOR CANADA** Christened the "Winston Churchill" by Master Duncan Sandy, grandson of the great war-leader, a scale model Canadian Locomotive which has been the smallest public railway in the world, being shipped to Toronto where it will be exhibited in a large department store for two months, before moving on to the U.S.A. The Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Light Railway from which the locomotive comes is a properly constituted railway by Act of Parliament, with its own share stock and total length of 14 miles. The picture shows the "Winston Churchill" in operation on the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch miniature railway.

## WED AT LETHBRIDGE

A very pretty wedding of local interest was solemnized in St. Augustine Anglican Church at Lethbridge at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of December 1, when Nancie Belle, youngest daughter of Mrs. Ada Hubbard of Lethbridge, became the bride of Mr. Douglas Benzie Havens, only son of Mr. J. H. Havens of Madden. Rev. Grant officiated at the candle-light ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, Harrison, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white satin with a sweetheart neckline and long sleeves. The bodice was trimmed with crystal embroidery. Her long embroidered veil was caught with a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of roses, white mums, and sprays of carnations. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Arnold Murray. Mr. Melvin Farquharson attended the groom. Guests were ushered in by the bride's brothers, Mr. Alfred and Mr. Aubon Hubbard.

A reception for 40 guests was held later in the Rose Room of the Club Cafe. Rev. Grant proposed the toast to the bride, to which the groom stoutly responded.

For their wedding trip through Spokane, Seattle and Victoria, the bride and groom in grey suit with black accessories. On their return they will reside on the home farm west of Madden.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. J. H. Havens, Mrs. and Mr. C. R. Havens, Mrs. L. J. Havens, Mr. Richard Havens, Mrs. D. B. Farquharson, Mr. Melvin Farquharson, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farquharson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Aaskow, all of Madden; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bill of Airdrie; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Havens, Miss Ethel Lind and Mr. Tom Reeve of Crossfield; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartlett and Miss Eve Allen of Calgary.

In all fairness to the printers, we must say that they too were giving us a break in that the price we paid was away under what we should have been or we could not have got it for as long as we did. We would like at this time to say "Thank You" to those who have helped to keep it going, especially those businesses who advertised regularly, the subscribers and the correspondents, and we can assure you that should anyone show up in the future and wish to start another newspaper, we will do all we can to help him get started.

## Legends of Holly

MANY beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly.

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries forming red like drops of blood after the crucifixion. It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either the man or the woman, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year. For many years the superstition persisted that holly was harmful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

## FINAL EDITION

It is with regret that we must announce that with this issue of the Chronicle we have to write "Thrice", which in newspaper language means "The End".

We have tried our best for a year now, to keep the paper going, but are forced to reluctantly admit that it seems to us that the district cannot support a weekly newspaper. In conjunction with a print shop, it might be able to hold its own, but by the time we have paid the printer, sales tax, express, postage and other incidental expenses, there was nothing left for us, and while we can see the need for a newspaper, we could not see the need for us to keep it going for nothing.

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## HIGH SCHOOL PLAY SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The local high school pupils, under the direction of Principal H. Mumby, staged a most successful play for their contribution to the Season's festivities. The Co-op. Hall was filled to capacity for three performances and everyone enjoyed it to the full. The intermissions were taken up by a Folk Dance by girls trained by Mrs. V. Brogax and the Glee Club singers also under the direction of Mr. Mumby. The scenery and stage effects were those of what was once our Dramatics Society and we would like to see these used more often.

The east: Praefer, J. Q. Allen, who is absent-minded, Gorden Hall, Mrs. Allen, his wife, Eleanor Brodrige, 2, Templeton Bar; a cook, Lawrence Liley; Snatch Beazie, his accomplice, Ralph Bills; Biff Terry, a football player, Bob Kolow; Davey Brewer, a college student, Wayne Price; Hiram Hummel, the constable, Bruce Wood; Lillian Brewer, engaged to Biff Mickey Snyder; Betty Ann Mason, Mrs. Allen's sister, Ada Jensen; Imogene Gene, who wants to be an actress, Barbara Bills; Kate Cole, reporter on the college paper, Marjorie Jones; Sadie James, her friend, Margery Banta.

Clarence Keast, Joy Allen and Rodney Keast, all of Hackett, Alta.; Mr. Gordon Hall of Aix; Mr. Robert McEwan, Birch River, Man.; and Mrs. Anne Neff of Calgary.

## LOW FARES for CHRISTMAS-NEW YEARS

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**SINGLE FARE AND ONE-HALF FOR ROUND TRIP**

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Good to Return from Destination to and including January 3, 1949

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## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Rev. J. W. Macmillan was flown to Trochu by Neal Smith on Thursday last in order to officiate at a funeral there.

Mrs. Hurt, senior, was receiving the congratulations of her friends on December 23 on the occasion of her 86th birthday.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Foynter, on December 24, a son, in a Calgary hospital.

### HINT PLANT SITE

Alberta government officials announced last week that R. O. Sweeney of Montreal will be granted timber rights to supply a proposed pulp mill to build a pulp mill in Alberta, a minimum initial outlay of from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Location of the proposed mill probably will be just east of Edmonton in the neighborhood of Clover Bar, it was rumored recently.

No announcement of the location has been made by the promoter who said several centres including Edmonton and Calgary were under consideration.

Principal H. H. Mumby showed some interesting films, and Mrs. Macmillan announced that the high-light of the January meeting would be a White Elephant sale. The ladies served the usual lunch to wind up a very good evening.

### In a stable, dim and warm,

Nested in the fragrant hay,

Early, that first Christmas morn,

The Holy Babe, Lord Jesus lay,

And, the first sunbeam, it is said,

Straight to the Infant Saviour sped

In the legend, as the old men tell,

Says you may hear, if you believe,

The Heavenly Anthem, in echoes swell,

Which angels sang, on Christmas Eve,

With the first sunbeam of the morn,

On which Christ, our Lord, was born

In the legend, as the old men tell,

The brilliant colors of the dawn,

From which the golden sunbeam

Are shadows of the glory won,

By angels singing in the sky,

And, the first sunbeam, if we will,

Straight to the Saviour, leads us still.

W.H.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

By the Board of Trustees of the Calgary School Division No. 41, police is hereby given that polls will be opened in each School District for the election of School Trustees on the 19th day of January, 1949, at the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m., and will continue open until four o'clock p.m. of the same day, when votes of those duly qualified to vote thereon will be taken for or against the raising of the sum of \$100,000. by way of a loan on the security of the said Division.

### QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS

Proprietary elector means any elector, other than a tenant, who is liable to assessment and taxation for school purposes in respect of any property situated in a School District. Every proprietary elector except the Returning Officer, shall be entitled to vote on the by-law. (Sec. 193. The School Act.)

## TRANSPORTATION COSTS HAVE OUTGROWN THEIR BRITCHES

PRESENT LEVEL \$275 PER TON 0 PER GAL \$400 \$174960 \$0.632 65% INCREASE 70% INCREASE



The above cartoon, published in the Christmas issue of The Spanner, house organ of the Canadian Pacific Railway, graphically illustrates that if the C.P.R. is to continue to pay its way and remain in business it simply cannot pay out for equipment, materials, wages and other expenses, more than it takes in. The "little clinic" cartoon shows that transportation costs in relation to freight rates have outgrown their "britches" — to the point

where many items have increased more than 50 per cent over pre-war costs. The same unprecedented increases is true in such other items as rolling stock units as well as in materials and wages. In the latest issue of the cartoon shows have jumped over 65 per cent and 70 per cent respectively since pre-war days while the price of most freight transportation items has gone up only 21 per cent.

BEST ATTAINABLE IMAGE  
FROM DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

## Standards Of Nutrition

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS given by authorities on the subject, nutrition standards are today undesirably low in many parts of the world. In Europe, it is reported that undernourishment is increasing among millions of children in spite of efforts which have been made by the United Nations International Emergency Children's Fund and other such projects to provide for them as well as it is possible to at this time. Among the children of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Italy medical doctors have found what they report as "a picture of stunted growth, chronic undernourishment, defective hygiene and of diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and parasitic infection." As a result of this chronic malnutrition which affects not only the children but all age groups, workers are inefficient and food production per person there is ten per cent. lower than in the more advanced countries.

**Conditions In West Improved** From Western Europe comes a somewhat more encouraging report. There, it is said, nutrition standards have risen during the past six months due to good weather, increased food production and increased supplies of farm machinery and fertilizers which have been sent under the Marshall Plan. With this help the daily diet in many parts of Western Europe has reached 2,650 calories, as compared to 2,500 at this time last year and 2,800, which was the standard in that part of the world before the war. It is reported that bread consumption rose by 19 per cent. in 1948, the greatest increases having been shown in France and Belgium. While bread supplies have increased, meat has become more scarce, and the people of Western Europe will have about 35 per cent. less meat for another year, than they had before the war.

**Problems Here Less Serious** While in Canada there have been no such problems as these, nutrition standards among the people of this country are not as uniformly high as would be desired. Since shortages of food are obviously not the cause of faulty nutrition, the theory is that ignorance on the part of many as to proper habits of nutrition. Recently rising living costs have also been a factor in lowering the quality and the amount of food consumed by many Canadian families. During the early part of the war, it was estimated that 25 per cent. of the families of wage earners could not afford to purchase adequate amounts of food. Wages have risen since that time, but prices have also advanced considerably, so it is doubtful whether this situation has changed greatly. At the recent Dominion Provincial agricultural conference in Ottawa, farmers were warned that the war demand for food is now over and that they must face the prospect of receiving lower prices for "surplus" products. With inadequate standards of nutrition in many parts of the world, including our own country, it would be a great benefit to many if a way could be found to overcome economic barriers and other causes of the accumulations of surplus farm products. If all that is produced could find its way to those places where it is needed, nutrition standards would rise and farmers would remain prosperous.



## New Restriction Imposed On Poultry Imports

OTTAWA. — The government announced it has restricted imports of live poultry and hatching eggs in an attempt to keep Canada free of Newcastle disease, a virus ailment often fatal to poultry.

Live chickens, turkeys, pigeons, geese, ducks or other barnyard fowl or other birds raised under domestic conditions will be prohibited entry unless they are accompanied by proper veterinary certificates.

The agriculture department, making the prohibition under authority of the animal contagious diseases act, said a certificate that the birds are free of the disease must be signed by a veterinarian of the government of the country of origin.

The order also applies to birds which may have been exposed to the respiratory infection.

Live poultry from the United States will be accompanied by a certificate either signed or endorsed by a veterinarian of the U.S. bureau of animal industry.

The agriculture department said similar certificates will be required for the import of hatching eggs from all kinds of poultry. Official veterinary inspection of the certificates will be required to certify that the eggs originate from flocks free of Newcastle disease.

## Promoting Sale Of Rabbit Meat

VANCOUVER. — Meat-hungry Canadians from Vancouver to Halifax may soon get acquainted with a man who wants to substitute a medium-priced morsel for off-the-budget steaks.

He is K. V. Collier, president of the New South Wales Furred Skins Merchants Association, who is conducting a one-man campaign to promote the sale of rabbit meat in Canada.

"A rabbit a day keeps the doctor away and it's a lot cheaper than roast beef," he says, eager to export whole skinned, frozen rabbits in exchange for much-needed Canadian dollars.

## NO MORE SUNSPOTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS

WASHINGTON. — Sunspots won't have much effect on your radio or the weather in the next several years.

The peak of the recent cycle of sunspots occurred in 1947, says Dr. E. C. Barnes, director of the naval observatory, and, "we can expect to see few spots during the next several years."

The observatory said one day this year only two small groups of sunspots were seen. But they will be at their peak again, it added, in about 10 years.

## FUNNY And OTHERWISE

Wife being away, a man of our acquaintance started to do his own housekeeping and got a cookery book. Every recipe started "take a clean dish," so he got no farther.

Mistress (to charlady). And you think Lizzie would make a good housemaid, Mrs. O'Brien? Is she an early riser?

Mrs. O'Brien: Sure, an' she is that. She's up and has all the beds made of a morning before the rest of us are awake at all.

"Have you got so that you can distinguish classical music?" asked Mrs. Neatrich.

"I think so," replied her husband. "When a piece threatens every minute to be a tune and always disappoints you, it's classical."

An English school inspector, while visiting a rural school in Yorkshire, proceeded to test the intelligence of an aggressive-looking lad of eleven or twelve.

"The other day," said the inspector, "I saw you go 20 yards along a road 25 yards wide. How old do you think I am?"

After a moment's calculation, the Yorkshire boy replied, "Forty-two."

"And just how do you figure I am forty-two years old?" asked the inspector.

"Well," the boy replied, "I've got a big brother who's just half, and he's twenty-one years old."

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## Mining In Manitoba Sets New Record

WINNIPEG. — Mining development in Manitoba made great strides during 1948, with two new mines brought into production and construction of a mill for extracting gold within a month of completion.

As in 1947, non-ferrous metals were the main sought after. Total mining production during the first 11 months of 1948 was 2,945.

A preliminary estimate shows the value of mineral production in Manitoba this year at \$24,700,000, represented by \$18,500,000 in metals and \$6,200,000 in non-metals. Last year's production was valued at \$18,296,765 — \$12,412,759 in metals and \$5,824,004 in non-metals.

One of the new mines brought into operation was the Agawa-Rockland gold mine north of Long-Lake on the Red Lake mining belt.

Last July the company formally achieved production with the pouring of a gold bar valued at \$37,500. Second of the new operations was the Cypress mine, eight miles south between White and Schist Lakes. It is a producer of copper and zinc.

One of the leading developments this year was the near-completion of a 2,000-ton flotation-oxidation plant for the recovery of gold from a large deposit at Snow Lake in northern Manitoba.

### NEW MARKET FOR SUNFLOWER SEED OIL

WINNIPEG. — Lifting of the ban on sale and manufacture of oleomargarine in Canada highlights a little publicized Manitoba product — sunflower seed oil.

This year commercial production of the oil is expected to be limited to Manitoba. Supplies will be limited to one ingredient which may be used in the manufacture of margarine. At present, all fats and oils are under international control with Canadian imports on a quota.

Processing of sunflower seed oil is expected to be limited to 20,000 pounds a year, the acreage was 22,400, 12,000 pounds taken off 28,000 acres in southern Manitoba.

Processing of Manitoba sunflowers takes place in a co-operative plant at Altona, Manitoba, which annually handles the bulk of the crop.

Since 1947, large areas of land have been devoted to sunflower production every year. In that year, the acreage was 8,500 acres; in 1946 it jumped to 23,000 acres, while last year 20,000,000 pounds were grown on 25,000 acres.

The largest part of Manitoba's sunflower crop is grown in a 35 mile wide belt along the international boundary, in an area extending west from the Red River to Morden.

### FREEZE With Snow

TULSA, Okla. — Albert Lewis Freez, 21, obtained a license recently to wed Wilma Lee Snow, 18.

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## Urge Greater Investment In Canada

MONTREAL. — Finance Minister Abbott suggested to investment dealers that Canada's industrial and economic power steadily rolling forward — now presents two great challenges. These are:

1. Necessity for the mobilization of Canadian savings to serve greater economic and industrial needs.

2. Promotion and financing of Canadian enterprise by Canadians to eliminate the need of United States investment, now costing Canadian industry roughly \$275,000,000 a year in interest and dividends.

Mr. Abbott told the Investment Dealers Association of Canada that Canada is on the threshold of a new and more dynamic period in national development.

Ranging his talk from Canada's "colossal" indebtedness to her post-war development or budgetary surplus, Mr. Abbott made these things known:

1. Canada's exchange problems with the United States have taken a turn for the better. At Sept. 30, Canada had \$54,900,000 in exchange reserves, an increase of \$247,400,000 over the six-month period April 1-Sept. 30.

2. The Dominion's budgetary surplus for the first eight months of the current fiscal year now has risen to \$56,000,000, compared with \$57,000,000 for a similar period last year.

3. Monthly increases in budgetary surpluses are expected to continue until next March when the fiscal year ends, but they will not total the \$1,000,000,000 some people may have expected.

Mr. Abbott said that despite a sound financial policy, Canada ended the Second World War with a debt "which was colossal for a country of 12,000,000 people."

Height of Canada's indebtedness was reached Dec. 31, 1945, when the total immature funded debt amounted to "less than \$16,887,000,000."

### NEW MENU PLAN BY HOSPITAL A SUCCESS

VANCOUVER. — Something new has been added to the Vancouver General hospital—printed menus from which the patients can select their meals. Patients like it and the hospital finds that it cuts waste.

### PLANS SPORTS FIELD

LIBAU, Man. — Plans are under construction by the Libau Community club to acquire 10 acres of land on the outskirts of the village to be developed as a baseball ground. A bazaar held recently netted \$325, a portion of which will be used to build a skating rink this year.

### APPROPRIATE NAME

Chinese coolies who helped build bases for the B-29 Superfortresses, have written a name for the Jeep. Their written characters, translated literally, call a Jeep, "Four wheels with 1,000 uses."

### MAGNIFICENT SPLENDOR

Once again the Prairies are enjoying plenty of snow, as this lovely winter scene shows hard-working shovellers clearing a path.—S.N.S. photo.

### THE TILLERS

SAY, PAN, DO YOU REMEMBER MARIE THOMPSON?

I'LL SAY I DO! I RE-MEMBER HER, MARIE THOMPSON, AND PIES TOO!

SHE WAS A WONDERFUL COOK, WASN'T SHE?

SHEURE WAS! BOY, I COULD COOK FOR ONE, GIVE ME A PLATE, I'LL EAT IT RIGHT NOW.

GODLU! I'LL GO GET READY! SHE'S BACK IN TOWN AGAIN AND IS COOKING AT THE MIDTOWN RESTAURANT!

COOKIES!

IVE BEEN TOOK AGAIN, BY GOSH!

## EYES HAVE "IT"



JOHN L. LEWIS



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



ALBERT EINSTEIN



LIZABETH SCOTT

A Hollywood optometrist, who has 20-20 vision himself, thinks the eye is the most important part of the human body. Dr. Henry Marmatz says the eye is the most expressive portion of the anatomy. He selected the five most expressive pairs of eyes in the world.

1. John L. Lewis, whose "piercing" eyes show limitless determination and strength, affording him a powerful armament which has won countless personal victories.

2. Princess Margaret Rose, whose "dancing" eyes are the key to a happy mind and possibly one day may be a major influence on the ministers of the realm.

3. George Bernard Shaw, whose octogenarian optics retain the flash of youth and hypnotize the listener, even holding attention away from Shaw's best.

4. Albert Einstein, whose "puppy-dog" eyes are the tip-off to what he believes, a deep humanism combined with genius in a scientist's make-up.

5. Elizabeth Scott, an actress whose hazel eyes are capable of influencing men in any way she wants. Dr. Marmatz said Scott's orbs are "the most unusual" of any screen slick's he has seen.

## THIS IS ONE WAY TO GET ATTENTION

ST. LOUIS. — Miss Eula Rose Percival was determined to let the world know with whom she was involved even though he was deliberately avoiding her. To police who caught her tampering with her friend's automobile, Miss Percival explained that she was letting the air out of the tires so he couldn't get away without talking to her.

—By Les Carroll



# WORLD HAPPENINGS

## BRIEFLY TOLD

The United States Treasury announced it has decided to re-establish the 17th coast-guard district in Alaska with headquarters at Juneau.

An envelope addressed by Don Messer of San Benito, Tex., left postal officials unable to oblige this request: "Air Mail—Jet, Please."

Signalling devices are to be used on all public service vehicles in Alberta where hand or arm signals are not visible. It was announced in the Alberta Gazette.

The light fleet aircraft carrier Terrible, built for the Royal Navy, will be transferred to the Royal Australian Navy and renamed the Sydney, it was officially announced in London.

British Columbia plans to build schools in the province costing \$50,000,000. Deputy Education Minister F. T. Fairley told a meeting in Crowsnest. He said \$40,000,000 had been spent since 1948.

The Eastline Insecticide in Bombay, India, plans to manufacture pomulin, sulphur and anti-malarial drugs on a large scale to help the country save between two and three million dollars in imports.

Tests are being carried out in Scotland to find the perfect oil. The plan provides tests for resistance to virus, for cropping power, keeping qualities and for good shape and flavor after cooking.

John Petrie, old building-trust contractor, R. O. Lloyd, a contractor in Birkenhead, England, "stood" 230 workers a bottle of beer each to celebrate the completion of masonry work on the last of 420 houses on a corporation estate.

### GEMS OF THOUGHT

#### LIGHT

And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.—Genesis 1:3.

The light of nature, the light of science, and the light of reason, are but as darkness, compared with the divine light which shines only from the word of God.—John R. Lord. Walk in the light, and thou shalt see thy path, though thorny, bright; For God by grace shall dwell with thee.

And God himself is Light.

—Bernard Barton.

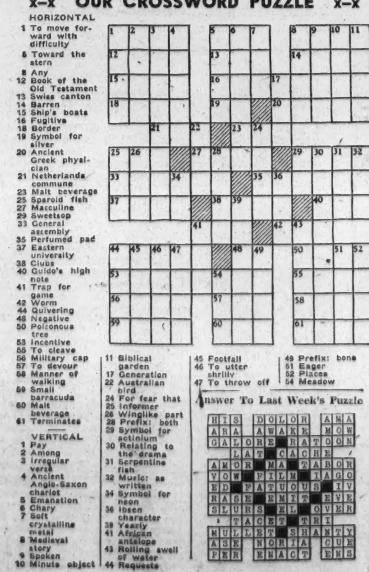
In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the differences between things; and it is Christ that gives us light.—J. C. and A. W. Hare.

Lamps make oil-spots, and candles need smutting; it is only the light of heaven that shines pure and leaves no stain.—Goethe.

### CLIVE, ALTA., CLUB WINS OAT TROPHY

CLIVE, Alta.—The Clive Junior Club has been awarded a trophy offered by the Alberta Grain Growers' Association for the best oat-growing among juniors. The club will retain the trophy permanently as they have taken it three years in a row.

### X-X OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE X-X



ROYALTY CHATS AT ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY'S RECEPTION—Princess Margaret leans over to talk with the Queen as they attend the Anglo-Danish society's reception at Danish art exhibition in London. At left is the Duke of Edinburgh, representing Princess Elizabeth, and Princess Margaret of Denmark.—S.N.S. photo.

### HEALTH

#### Rickets Termed The Deformity Of Ignorance

About one Canadian child in nine bears the physical evidence of the psychological unhappiness of deformity due to rickets, Dr. L. B. Pettit states in an article—“Rickets—the Deformity of Ignorance”—in the Christmas issue of Health, Canada's National Health Magazine, published by the Health League of Canada.

Dr. Petrie, chairman of the Nutritional Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, also states that 30 children die of rickets every year. He emphasizes that this need never happen because rickets is a preventable disease. Rickets is only possible in a body that lacks Vitamin D, although it is associated with the calcium and phosphorus supply, too.

“It is a disease of children, for it wrecks its havoc during the growing period, leaving in its wake ugly, misshapen legs, deformed chests, badly developed teeth and joints,” Dr. Pettit says. “These deformities cannot be cured. Children who have suffered from rickets must go through all their lives with defects that may make them more susceptible to pneumonia, tuberculosis, degenerative diseases and women complications in childbirth.”

The author states that Vitamin D is the only vitamin which cannot be derived in adequate quantities from food, except under special circumstances. It must be given as a supplement to the regular diet.

“Yet our surveys show that at least half of Canada's children are not receiving enough in the number of rickets as little as a cent a day. He reveals that his department is focusing special attention on Vitamin D this year, and has prepared a series of visual teaching and publicly aids for distribution through provincial departments of health.

### KITCHEN MEDITATIONS

#### SKATING

By JANE DALE

Once around, twice around, On, on, out of breath.

The ice is smooth, smooth, I'm surely railed to death!

Swerve this way, lean that way; Oh, I think its fun.

Swing along, sway along, Till an hour is gone.

Crack the whip, slide a bit;

Break the ice, up the ice, Faster, faster, slow.

Swerve and swing, skate and sing Till we hear the bell;

Eyes a-light, cheeks all bright, Skating is just swell!

#### New Simplified Income Tax Form

OTTAWA—A new income department introduced Canadians to a simplified short income tax form which it said will be used by 3,000,000 of the 3,500,000 individual tax payers who will file 1948 tax returns.

Revenue Minister McCann said the new form is a simplified form to be used by all tax payers who will be known as the “T1 short form.”

The new form also changes the basis of reporting taxes. While up to now the size of income has governed the form to be used, this year the size of income is the governing factor.

Thus, all individuals whose earned income is derived solely from salaries, wages or pensions, and whose investment income does not exceed \$1,800 a year may use the short form. The department estimates this includes 86 per cent of all tax payers.

The short form is a condensation of the old footloose size, four-page form with the red border (T1 Special), the six-page footloose size white form (T1-General) and the short form introduced last year (T1-T1 Employees).

#### LOOKING INTO PAST NOT ALWAYS PLEASANT

On the suburban train, Jenkins had just finished reading a long letter he had received that day from his old home town. Mellowed by the happy memories it conjured up, he turned to the morose stranger beside him and gently remarked, “Did you ever get a letter that brought back visions of the past?”

Stark misery stared out of the other's eyes.

“Have it!” the man cried. “Only today I got one from the Government telling me I still owed them \$1,500 on my 1944 income tax!”

The oldest university in the world is El Azhar, at Cairo, founded in 972, A.D.

#### LITTLE REGGIE

AFTER YOU CLEAR THE WALK GO INSIDE!! IT'S TOO COLD TO PLAY OUT IN THE SNOW!

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# OLD SALEM ALWAYS TAKES ITS CHRISTMAS SERIOUSLY



Spectacular and gleaming Star of Christmas, the Moravian Star peculiar to the Moravian community of Winston-Salem, N.C., is made from white parchment by Mrs. J. F. Shaffner.—Central Press Canadian.

By CENTRAL PRESS CANADIAN

Old Salem, the colonial-town part of modern, bustling Winston-Salem, N.C., made Christmas a thing of beauty and joy, something never to be forgotten by those who have visited the old town during the holidays. The Moravian putz, an elaborate arrangement of miniature buildings, trees, people and animals, had been dusted off and repaired and went on

public display. Ladies of the community were busy making the sweet-scented candles which were used in candle-lighting services. "Love in the Feast". Thousands upon thousands of tapers came from the moulds that have been used for 150 years and more. Home craftsmen were busy making many-pointed Moravian stars which hung in doorways of thousands of homes. The star, imported to Salem from Saxony when the Ameri-



Shown above, Miss Mamie Thomas is making the sweet-scented candles for use in the annual "Christmas Love Feast". She is pouring hot beeswax into moulds.—Central Press Canadian.



There's potting complicated about a Moravian candle. Miss Thomas, 50, tries out her handiwork. She and other ladies will make around 10,000 candles for the Christmas season.—Central Press Canadian.

## Needle Art



## Alice Brooks

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## Smile of the Week

He rounded a bend at close to 40. A sudden skid and the car overturned. They found themselves sitting together unharmed, alongside the completely smashed car. He put his arm around her waist, but she drew away from him.

"It's all very nice," she sighed, but wouldn't it have been easier to run out of gas?"

To Fall Right — Eat Right

## Alberta Homesteader Becomes Famous As Rose Grower

RICH VALLEY, Alta.—Approaching his 70th birthday with a twinkle in his eye, Georges Bugnet says he is never going to die. Mr. Bugnet, poet, philosopher and author, also is a farmer and plant breeder of his home here 50 miles northwest of Edmonton

His reason for eternal life, given in rhyme in cheek and wit, is that he has not in all his years in Canada, in that it takes five years to cross-breed a rose. By the time one five-year period has elapsed, he has started on another. He maintains no rose-grower can die with an experiment half-finished.

Recently, Mr. Bugnet received a letter from "M. Georges Bugnet, Alberta, Canada" which was delivered promptly. This was possibly due to his fame as a rose-grower. He has had letters from many countries concerning his thornless rose, the Theresa Bugnet, which took him 25 years to develop.

This rose grows six feet in height and bears 100 flowers. The winter of 1919-20 was long and cold and he began to write. Since then he has written six novels, a book of poems and a number of essays. Critics have called him one of Canada's greatest French-language authors.

## Four Roses Mixed

To develop the species, he obtained seeds from the Siberian rose which grows in the extreme northeast of Siberia, from Petrograd just before the Russian revolution of 1917. He cross-bred the Russian rose with the Canadian wild rose.

He is now 70. Mr. Bugnet found this rose grows six feet in height and bears 100 flowers. The winter of 1919-20 was long and cold and he began to write. Since then he has written six novels, a book of poems and a number of essays. Critics have called him one of Canada's greatest French-language authors.

## New Rescuing Device For Sunken Subs

NEW YORK.—Men trapped in sunken submarines may now be rescued—from "very depth" at which a submarine may sink without being crushed—by means of releasable buoys attached to the craft.

Res. Adm. Charles B. Momsen, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Undersea Warfare, said the new device, consisting of submarine-crowns "from greater depths than modern submarines can go."

Momsen spoke at the annual meeting of the Naval Order of the United States.

He said the buoys can be attached to each end of a submarine. Crew members can drop the buoys, which bob to the surface carrying wires. The wires are strong enough, he said, to haul down a rescue chamber which can bring the men to the surface.

The wires formerly were carried on a cable which was attached to the sunken submarine so the rescue chamber could be hauled down. This method limited the depth at which rescue was possible.

To Fall Right — Eat Right

## Helpful Hints

Sheets that are worn in spots can be used to make pinwheels.

Clever little place cards may be made by gluing the letters from alphabet macaroni on small cards either white or in the colors of the table decorations.

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## Newfoundland Will Give Canada Top Fish Title

OTTAWA.—After Newfoundland becomes a province of Canada the Dominion will rank among the greatest fish-producing countries of the world with an annual output worth \$100,000,000 a year.

This was the view of a Fisheries Department statement announcing that "as soon as practicable" after union Federal fisheries services will extend to the new province.

Newfoundland's fisheries industry will come under administration of the federal Fisheries Department with some exceptions and with some time allowed for adjustment.

Newfoundland's exports of salted fish will remain under administration of the Newfoundland Fisheries Board, but that organization will operate as a "federal agency under the Governor-General-in-Council" — the cabinet.

Also, under terms of union signed here, the present Newfoundland Fisheries Department will become the responsibility of the chairman of the Newfoundland Fisheries Board or such other member of the board as the Governor-General-in-Council may name.

## Inbreeding Fowls Has Possibilities

The mating of closely related birds is usually avoided because poultrymen have learned that progeny from such matings may be inferior in important characteristics such as vigor, hatchability and egg production. The explanation of these results sometimes obtained is that inbreeding brings together undesirable as well as desirable genes (units of inheritance), but when selected unrelated birds are mated, the progeny are likely to inherit dominant desirable genes which mask the presence of many of the undesirable ones. This fact offers interesting possibilities to the poultry breeder, because, through a system of inbreeding and careful selection, it should be possible to rapidly eliminate many of the inferior families and produce strains possessing a large number of desirable characteristics in homozygous (true breeding) form.

In actual practice, most investigators have found that flocks generally deteriorate when inbreeding is carried on but selected birds can be maintained in good condition by inbreeding lines by cutting out inferior families and concentrating on those possessing desirable characteristics as the degree of inbreeding increases. Some attempts have been made to produce highly inbred lines of poultry and cross inbred lines with pure-bred strains, perhaps somewhat in the manner of the corn breeders who have obtained remarkable results in the production of hybrid seed corn. The results reported with poultry have not been widely adopted. However, only a limited amount of work has been done in this connection and further research is required.

A number of brother-sister matings were carried out during the Decatur Experiment Station at the Decatur Experiment Station at the University of Illinois by Leonard Griesbach, in an attempt to produce inbred lines for experimental purposes. The progeny of only two matings have been discarded for high mortality. The remaining families are being tested for other desirable characters such as egg production and hatchability, and inbreeding will be continued with the best families.

## Australia May Get Very Nice Present

SYDNEY, Australia.—May be "Uncle Aussie" is going to have a nice present in the form of \$22,400 for his government fund.

At any rate the dead letter office is sending a large amount of mail which came at the request and if the sender doesn't show up pretty soon the government fund will get it.

Meanwhile, postal officials opine that whoever sent the package was "nuts". It wasn't registered and it was addressed to a man who apparently just doesn't exist. So far 10 claimants have appeared but none has been able to convince the authorities.

## THE VICTOR



## YOUR EMPLOYER

Even fairly obvious truths have been getting themselves mislaid or confused of late. In days gone by we didn't expect government to look after us. Government directed us and we continued to carry our own burdens. Work, too, was something we accepted as an opportunity and an obligation, not as a tyranny to be escaped whenever and however possible. Perhaps much of the change is due to a confusion in our own thinking.

Charles Steinmetz, the electrical wizard of the General Electric Company, might reasonably have sought support and relinquished obligations. He was old and he had been crippled from his youth. One day a fellow worker found him still at his post long after the shift had gone home for the night. "Don't he that sort of a fool, Steinmetz," said the friend. "You get the same pay check no matter how hard you work."

Steinmetz took his glance away from his work just long enough to say: "Doesn't matter whose pay roll you're on. Bill, You're always working for yourself."

There is the truth that it would be well for us to re-discover.—J.L.R.

MADE TRIP IN BALLOON  
Salomon August Andrée left for the north pole in a balloon, Ormen, on July 11, 1897, from Virgo, Spitsbergen. The frozen bodies of Andrée and his companions were found Aug. 6, 1931, on White Island, and removed to Norway for burial.

# Canadian Agriculture In 1949 Reviewed At Annual Conference

At the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa early in December, papers were presented reviewing the probable prospects for agriculture in 1949. The following is a digest of the papers.

**World and Domestic**—Despite more extensive destruction and economic damage to agriculture in Canada during the previous world conflict, recovery has proceeded much more rapidly in the past three years than in the corresponding period after World War I, and has not encountered any major set-back.

Pre-war world consumption levels will not be attained until countries make substantial progress in their progress in replacing war damage to housing, industrial and commercial facilities, in catching up with the requirements of an expanding population and are better able to balance their foreign trade.

International exchange problems continue to hamper economic recovery and to impede a return to multilateral trade.

The development and acceptance of the principles of the European Recovery Program and the International Trade Organization indicate that progressive countries are aware of the value of multilateral trade and the possibilities it presents for growing world prosperity.

In 1949 prices of farm products in the United States are likely to average slightly lower than in 1948 and if so, no income is expected to be somewhat lower for the second straight year.

The overall domestic demand in 1949 is expected to equal, or possibly exceed, that of 1948 although there may be some softening in the export demand for some farm products.

Continuing in Canadian farm areas will likely remain at the 1948 level or perhaps decline slightly toward the end of 1949. Cash farm income, assuming average crops, should remain close to the high levels of 1947 and 1948. Prices paid by farmers will probably remain at the 1948 level or show some increase in 1949.

**Wheat**—After allowing 150 million bushels for domestic use and assuming the carry-over at July 31, 1948, falls to the level of July, 1948, this will leave a carry-over of 300 million bushels should provide some 245 million bushels for export. An assured market for a large part of the crop, the fall drought in the Prairie Provinces, together with almost certain reductions in 1949 acreages of cereals and flax, are factors favouring an increased spring wheat acreage in 1949.

**Feed Grains**—Increased production of feed grains in 1948, particularly in Ontario and Quebec may reduce shipments from Western Canada. Net wheat acreages reduced by 100 million bushels are expected to be in short supply. If seed production in 1949 remains at the 1948 level, some difficulty may be experienced in disposing of an increase in acreage.

**Dried Beans and Peas**—Taking into account the current export situation, an expansion in acreage of dried beans or peas would not seem to be advisable.

**Oilseed Crop**—The 1949 outlook for oilseed production is having for the 1948-49 feeding season are about 25 per cent greater than in 1947-48. Eastern farmers are likely to maintain their coarse grain acreages at 1948 levels.

**Livestock**—During the first half of 1948, price levels were expected to rise and prices for other classes of livestock higher in the first half of 1948. Livestock marketings in 1949 are expected to be slightly less than in 1948. Declines in all classes

ON THE SIDE —By E. V. Durling

The kindest and the happiest pair Will find occasion to forbear, And something every day live, To pity, and perhaps, forgive. —COWPER.

(The above is an excerpt from a poem quaintly titled "Mutual Forbearance" written by the great English poet, William Cowper, in 1782. It is a kind, lady. Don't assign your husband to the doghouse too hastily or too frequently. It is as Dr. Samuel Johnson said: "No man likes to live under the eye of perpetual disapprobation."

How are you on the history of England? Do you know what broke up the marriage between King Edward VII and the beautiful Lily Langtry? It was because, at a party, Lily playfully poured some ice cream down his majesty's neck. That was too great a strain on the King's sense of humor. He never smiled at Lily again. The King's wife was Queen Alexandra, Victoria's mother. She also made Lily Langtry's hats. Kate was such a clever milliner her hats were copied in Paris. She charged the equivalent of \$125 per hat. Queen Victoria made one of these hats last five years. Kate Jones died in England a few weeks ago at the age of 92.

Red-haired women have an unusual fascination for men. I mean natural red-heads, of course. The gentlemen don't go very strongly for those synthetic strawberry blondes. But how about red-haired men? Have they any special attraction for the female of the species? It may be they have, for a man with a red head is a natural born optimist and an interesting occupation.

The man who wears the "correct model" hat which is always kept immaculate is usually a critical fellow. He is inclined to nag his wife. The man whose pockets are lumpy because they are filled with a few small coins objects to the woman being mentally lazy. Or so says Miss Stephen. That last crack hits me. I am inclined to have lumpy pockets. I am physically lazy. But I deny I am mentally lazy. I mean nobody who was mentally lazy could struggle with a racing form the way I do.

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Why is a rugby football oval shaped? I probably could win myself a thousand stories with that query. However, as I am well up with stogies at this time I will give you the answer now. In the original rugby footballs, pig's bladders were used. Therefore the shape of the ball and its size roughly conform to that of a pig's bladder.

## MULES AND MEN

A young woman can almost completely analyze a man's character by what he wears and the way he wears it. She says Francis Stephen, the well-known Irish essayist and novelist: "A man who wears no hat is a very difficult fellow to get in matrimonial harness. He loves his freedom. After marriage he will be difficult to keep at home nights. Furthermore, he will always have young ideas, even when in his sixties. The fellow who wears a mule's head in his pocket is a natural optimist and has an interesting occupation. The man who wears the "correct model" hat which is always kept immaculate is usually a critical fellow. He is inclined to nag his wife. The man whose pockets are lumpy because they are filled with a few small coins objects to the woman being mentally lazy. Or so says Miss Stephen. That last crack hits me. I am inclined to have lumpy pockets. I am physically lazy. But I deny I am mentally lazy. I mean nobody who was mentally lazy could struggle with a racing form the way I do.

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YOUTHS FROM MANY COUNTRIES GET TOGETHER AT CONFERENCE—Delegates to the Mirror Youth Forum meet around the globe at LaGuardia Field, New York, on arrival by air to take part in the great youth conference there. Left to right are Jose Salabar Laine who flew from Cuba; Guido Barrientos, who winged from Guatemala, and Alex Saunders who came from Canada.—S.N.S. photo.



(By Francis Jones)

We recently bought a new house which we have finished redecorating, except for the kitchen. This is a bit of a problem. It is quite large (14' x 16'), and although we have the usual amount of equipment in it, it seems to look barren. At present it is mainly covered with plain white-green woodwork, matching cupboards above and below the sink and open shelves across one wall. The floor is covered with darker green linoleum with a white-cross check.

It is really a picture problem. I think, rather ordinary. Could you suggest some more interesting treatment for this room? Also something that would give it a cosier appearance?—Mrs. B. McC.

Dear Mrs. B. McC.:

In a kitchen the size of yours, plain walls are bound to be drab and clinical in appearance. Actually, it's in the walls that the main decorative appeal of the room must lie — for this is the room which should be the most attractive in the house. Look at the type of furnishing found in the modern kitchen. We would suggest, therefore, that you paint your room in one of the gay, bright, cheerful designs mentioned for this room, which should be on market today. You'll find them in checks, stripes, plaids, in scenic or nautical designs, or in any of the amusing patterns portraying everything from Scotties on neutral backgrounds to polka dots on red.

Since I imply that the kitchen is in good condition, you may not feel like repainting the woodwork cupboards and shelves. So why not choose a paper with a light green background with touches of yellow and red in the design?

Dear Miss James:

Our master bedroom has a large closet. You'll find them in checks, stripes, plaids, in scenic or nautical designs, or in any of the amusing patterns portraying everything from Scotties on neutral backgrounds to polka dots on red.

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Biggest buyer of sheet and strip steel is the automotive industry. Their special requirements are for auto body sheet, hood and fender stock and sheet rolled under 3,000,000 pounds pressure for one-piece, all-steel auto tops.

"DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY FOR THIS CITY"



—Somerville, in The Denver Post.

## Can Change Color Of The Human Skin

CHICAGO—A chemical which can change the color of human skin and accidentally turned several hundred Negro workers partly white was described at a meeting of skin specialists here.

The strange action of the chemical was described by Dr. Louis Schwartz, director of the division of the U.S. public health service, at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilis, a spokesman for the academy said.

The chemical is monobenzyl ether of hydroquinone, a synthetic product, which is used to block the process of coloring matter to the outer surface of the skin, Schwartz said.

He considers the chemical's action a serious dermatological condition, which might be dangerous, and cautioned against anyone attempting to change the color of the skin.

He said the chemical's effects were discovered during the war when several hundred Negroes in synthetic rubber plants in the south came in contact with the compound. The Negroes turned white in about 30 days wherever the chemical touched them, usually on the arms and hands, he said.

Schwartz was called in by the government to investigate and helped develop salves which were used as preventives. The chemical was used in synthetic rubber plants to prevent rubber workers from getting a case of rubber products.

Many of the Negroes or other parts of the body turned white received cash payments in out-of-court settlements of claims that they had suffered loss of social position among their race, Schwartz said.

He said the chemical's action on the skin with only one application, lasts from a few months to about three years.

## Would Make Freight Cars Very Colorful

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Railroads note: travelling billboards are to your revenue dreams.

The suggestion was made to the Alabama public service commission.

The once-a-side of freight cars would blossom with colorful advertising posters—lighted at night—to carry sponsors' messages from coast to coast.

It would be practical in other ways, too: For example:

How easy it will be for the conductor to find the brakeman:

Cut off three cars ahead of the train to make room for the conductor:

Run the train to the station:

Turn out the lights, and the train will stop.

Such simpler than trying to remember a lot of unexciting boxcar numbers.

## BETTER TO BE GOOD LAYER THAN ROASTER

The hen of 1948 lays three eggs for every two eggs laid by her maternal ancestors in 1900, according to a competent authority. Credit for the increase in production goes to the improved breeds and better feeding. It may be that Biddy is also getting wise to the fact that it is better to be a good layer than a roaster in the oven.

## STAMP CORNER :

By JAMES MONTAGNE



—Stamp courtesy Alden C. Johnson, Toronto.

New issues to arrive in Canada include (top, left to right) Netherlands annual child welfare stamp showing children playing, Netherlands colonial stamps from Surinam to New Zealand, and a 4-cent postage stamp to atomic scientist Paul Langevin and to scientist Jean Perrin. Recent U.S. new airmail postcard 4-cent stamp to appear Jan. 10, and Luxembourg's annual welfare stamp.

The second volume of the 1948 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, published at New York, has been received, and contains few important price changes. This volume covers the stamps of Europe, Asia and Africa, except those of the British Commonwealth and United States on those continents.

Prices given in the catalogue were determined as a result of a survey of the stamp market in important centres during July to September of this year, and catalogue lists are issued quarterly. The catalogue is available for 50 cents. The 1948 catalogues are in the higher values, such as the early stamps of Saxony, Sardinia, Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz. Some of the older issues of the French colonies have also had small price increases, but generally speaking prices have not fluctuated a great deal.

New issues ... Alpine flowers are again featured on the annual child welfare stamp of Switzerland ... Germany has issued a stamp for the Philatelic Year ... Philippines have a stamp featuring the national flower, known as the Sampaguita ... Israel is issuing a set showing scenes in the new state and the flag of the country ... Ecuador is issuing a set of scientific subjects ... Maldives ... Germany has issued stamps marking its entry into the United Nations, stamps showing Prince Abdullah in conference with President Truman, with pictures between them of Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy ... a postage value featuring King George VI and coat-of-arms ... Turkey is issuing new pictorial stamps ... Brazil has issued a stamp to patriot Jose Xavier ... Argentina has issued a set of 10 new American caricatures ... Cuba has issued a stamp for the tobacco industry ... Malta has overprinted current stamps "Self-Government 1947" ... Romania has issued a new pictorial set.

Ed. Note—If you have any old Canadian, Newfoundland or British North American postage stamps, save them for exchange write to our Advertising director, Mr. Pratt Kuhn, 120 Wellington St. W., Toronto 1, or to the stamp collector. Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for reply.

# World News In Pictures



KING GEORGE VI celebrated his 53rd birthday on Dec. 14. Tradition has it that his birthday is observed and celebrated by the public in June, when the weather is more favorable for outdoor ceremonies. Ailing from a painful circulatory ailment, the King is said to be making encouraging improvement and his general health continues to be good. Above at left and right are two recent photos of the King; while the charming picture in the centre was made when he was two-year-old Prince Albert.—S.N.S. photo.



IN POLICE COURT—Errol Flynn, swashbuckling movie star, walked into court at New York from the prison pen where he was hauled from his expensive Savoy-Plaza suite to answer charges that he had a police officer on the take in an early morning fracas. Flynn, originally free on \$500 bail failed to show at his arraigned hearing and Magistrate Donald L. Raskin ordered him held in jail and issued a bench warrant for his arrest. Later, the court reinstated the bail. Flynn came into the courtroom surrounded by Hollywood admirers for what he termed his "worst public appearance." He was charged with third degree assault.



THIS ALDERMAN KNEW HOW TO GET THE WOMEN'S VOTES—Alderman Clarence Seibert of Kitchener, Ont., proved that he knew how to get out the women's votes. When the elections were on Mrs. Frank Modrowski said she couldn't leave the baby to vote. "I'll look after her," said Seibert and he's doing that quite nicely.—S.N.S. photo.



ROYAL CHRISTENING—H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth accepted the offer of the gift of a christening cake for her baby from the Universal Cookery and Food association. Miss Deidre Dring is shown with the model stork which crowned the top layer. The infant prince was christened in a private gathering at Buckingham Palace. One of the state rooms on the first floor of the palace was specially prepared for the ceremony. It was reported that the King's illness made the Royal family decide to hold the christening there.—S.N.S. photo.



ENOUGH SNOW? — "Far away fields look green"—too green for eastern Canadians, who want them covered with snow, of which they've had very little, and not nearly green enough for western Canadians, who've had so much snow in parts, that they've had enough of the white stuff already. So if you're really "browns" of what the weather in your locality, pack your trunk and go to the Yukon—it's only 58 below zero there!—S.N.S. photo.



SAW RISE AND FALL OF AN INSTITUTION—As the World War II bombs rained down on Berlin, the Adlon hotel in Berlin, Germany, was to Europe in pre-war Berlin. Today the Adlon is a pale ghost of its former self. Its courtyards are rubble-filled and its decor is decaying. Bruno Wende, who has worked at the Adlon for 40 years, has seen the changes. "The same rise and fall of the Nazi Order." He is now the doorman, whose chief duty is to check the briefcases of hotel employees leaving after working their shifts. This entrance leads through three ruined yards to the hotel proper.—S.N.S. photo.



LOSES \$22,000 RING AT OPERA—Talking to her attorney, Arthur Gerald Hartman, Harmon Seibert, August 14, describes a \$22,000 ring which she lost while attending the opening of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. This photo was taken shortly after she discovered the band, which contained 102 diamonds, had disappeared from her gloved hand.—S.N.S. photo.



GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LEADER—Shown above is Dr. Ernst Reuter, head of the Social Democrat party which polled more than two-thirds of the total vote cast in western sector elections. Elected mayor of Berlin, 1946, Dr. Reuter was presented by his constituents from taking office. He was just elected once more as Oberburgomaster (mayor to you) of Berlin. And he promised that the coalition of the parties which garnered about 88 per cent of the city's vote as contrasted to the 15 per cent who favored the Communist ticket, will continue to rule on a coalition basis.—S.N.S. photo.



BABY FLIES TO WINNIPEG FOR POLIO TREATMENTS—Stricken with infantile paralysis in Kenya Colony, East Africa, Stewart Fumerton, 10 months old, is seen in his travelling basket as he arrived by plane with mother and sister at Winnipeg in 10 below zero weather after 10,000-mile flight. Stewart was stricken with the disease a month ago. His right arm is totally paralyzed and there is slight paralysis of his left arm. Mrs. W. S. Fumerton, whose husband, R.C.A.F. veteran, is a pilot for East African Airlines, is seen with daughter, Vivian, three. She is a former Winnipeg girl. The trip did not bother the baby. He laughed and crowed happily in his basket upon arrival.—S.N.S. photo.



## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

## "BRIDESMAID"

By J. A. CARROLL

STANDING there with my eyes closed, listening to the deep solemn notes of the organ, I realized that the last time I had been in church had been a wedding too. My own. Now, when I opened my eyes I saw the bride coming down the aisle, a smiling picture in white. Albert was smiling at the alter for her, smiling, his dark eyes adoring her.

I went back in my mind's eye to the events that had led up to the marriage. The Hanson girls, twins of whom it was Joan, humorously referred to as the younger, that Albert had.

It wasn't a case of just falling in love. I had known Albert since we had gone to school together for the first time when we were six years old. Joan had been sort of a growth on him—affection and need of her mother had been the years of public school, high school and college. And he was good-looking, powerfully built, though rather short, just as attractive to the unfair sex as Joan was to the men. I puzzled as to why the affair hadn't culminated in marriage sooner—but then I didn't know Joan very well.

Albert explained it to me. "She has," he said in his low, quiet voice, "what they call a sister complex. Frances is her twin, but somehow, all through life, she has taken the initiative in whatever they did. Now Joan is still when Frances isn't leading her somewhere."

"Yes, but what's that got to do with you?"

"This. Remember when Frances was going around with that football kid, played back in high school?"

"Yes."

"And don't you remember how Joan tagged around after them like a dog on a leash?"

I began looking back through the pages of memory and I did see a couple of scenes in which Joan had looked like the person who makes a couple a crowd. I nodded.

"And Frances was at graduation—when Frances was moon-struck with our French teacher—the one with the Hitler moustache?"

"Yes," I answered. "I can see as plain as day now—Joan going up on that platform and practically fainting away when he gave her diploma."

Albert was silent at the alter for her, smiling, his dark eyes adoring her.

Albert pursed his lips, nodding his head in agreement. He shrugged, pushed his hands deeper in his pockets.

"But, Lord, man, is this going on?"

"What?" he said. "I am going to find out." He stood up and walked out on the club veranda with me. He pointed out to one of the nearest tennis courts and we sat down on a bench with a very bright, flashing smile was playing doubles with the Hanson girls. "Frances' tennis fame," he said. "Tennis star. You can see Joan's eyes following him from here."

Joan began to think so. The old "girl-fool" began to appear in her face, and I judged that it wouldn't be long till Albert took advantage. I had to go out of town for a couple of weeks; when I returned, the wedding was already arranged, everything set for the following day.

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Then I looked up toward the altar; where the minister was just finishing the service. The two girls were growing closer toward each other, smiling happily and kissed. Frances and Albert certainly made a grand couple.

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**It Was Not A Case Of Falling In Love; It Being A Sort Of A Growth**

"Never," said Albert grimly, rolling his sleeves and enrolling at the Y.M.C.A., "will it be said I am a quitter."

"Wait," I said. "This way you're getting nowhere. Why not explain things to Frances—get her to pretend to fall for you, and when Joan gets into the proper mood, turn about quickly and sweep her off her feet?"

Albert did it. Never have I seen a scheme work out so beautifully. Albert and Frances, everywhere together, Albert as the poet madly devoted to Frances. People began to remark what a grand couple they made. Wasn't Albert divine looking?

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**Danger Lurks In Shovelling Snow**

WINNIPEG.—Danger lurks in every blizzard for persons suffering from heart conditions.

A man who has had a heart attack rarely passes without reports of someone aggravating an already weak heart by attempting to extricate a car from a snowdrift or by shoveling snow.

Dr. H. C. W. Horridge, superintendent of Winnipeg General Hospital, has this warning:

"Everyone over 50, if he knows he has a heart condition or not, would be well advised not to attempt to dig his auto out of a snowstorm. A telephone call to a towing company will pay dividends."

Heart trouble is easily aggravated by hard work, and nothing is worse for the heart sufferer than straining himself shoveling snow or attempting to push a stalled vehicle.

I was with Albert, the night before the tournament, when he had come to the club. Frances had told me I can remember her face, serious, dusky and curved in the evening shadow, she had fallen out of love with the tennis player.

There was silence. Albert asked in his low voice, "Does—does Joan know about it?"

Frances nodded her head low and sweet. (There was the girl I could have fallen in love with.) "Oh, yes. She thinks he's rather juvenile, too, now."

I had a hard job to keep from howling with laughter at the look on Albert's face then; but I must admit it didn't change his mind any. Albert always kept right after something until he got it. Patiently, he bided his time. Frances began to go around, muttering, clutching his head; Albert was beginning to feel the strain. But I helped him construct Shakespearean sonnets, and tricky, pleading little things with interlocking verses—because Joan was a bit of an astute, little sight all the time. But just when Albert thought that his verse and flowers and tender words were getting somewhere, Frances went and picked a new companion. A wrestler.

REGINA.—Chock-full of high quality bacon and a good hams, a new porker has made its appearance in Saskatchewan, to the delight of hog farmers.

The pig's main characteristic is a long snout. Hog breeders say the new hog is a good producer, rich in meat, a disease mite, no mastitis.

The extra-long snout is the reason for this, experts say.

About 120 hogs of the new breed were brought to the northern part of the province last year and sold to farmers through provincial agricultural representative service. Smaller groups have been sold since then.

GRADUALLY fold in flour and sugar mixture, stirring about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the mixture in at a time, fold in carefully and quickly, folding only long enough to have egg white mixture and flour, sugar mixture thoroughly blended.

Turn at once into a tube pan that has been slightly floured, with all surplus flour removed. Place cake in oven at 300° F. and bake for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove and invert on cake rack to cool.

**FARM PRODUCE PRICES DROPPING**

OTTAWA.—Prices for some farm products are dropping, the Bureau of Statistics reported. In October, for the second successive month, the index for farm prices dropped two points to 251. Lower prices for livestock and potatoes more than offset gains for dairy products, poultry and eggs.

Under the present act, allowances are reduced for the fifth and subsequent children.

At last March 31, there were 67,602 families in Canada with five or more children.

**RIGHTS FOR ORIENTALS**

VICTORIA.—Equal opportunity for civil service jobs for Canadians of Oriental origin was urged on the British Columbia government in a resolution endorsed by the Vancouver Island Teachers' Association.

**PEGGY**

"YOU COURSE I'M MAD! PEGGY CAN SHOOON OVER VAN JOHNSON AND GREGORY PECK. OKAY! BUT NOW SHE'S READING BOOKS!"

"IS THAT BAD SON?"

"SURE, THEY GIVE HER CRAZY GLANTS ON LIFE! FOR INSTANCE, SHE'S ALL WOUND UP ON GALLANTLY THIS WEEK, SO I'M A CRIDE MOUTH!"

"HMM, YOU COULD STAND A LITTLE POLISH... I'M WILLING TO TRY..."

"...BUT I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO DRINK COKE FROM HER SADDLE SHOE!"



(S.N.S. photo) — The Real Fun Of Winter

## Food Contracts For 1949 Announced

At the closing session of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa, Right Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, announced the quantities and terms of the food agreements with Great Britain for 1949.

Subject in the case of bacon and cheese to the approval of the Economic Co-operation Administration, and by the Canadian Government to supply, the following will be provided:

Bacon: 160 million pounds.

Cheese: 50 million pounds.

Eggs: 1,533,000 cases (30 dozen to a case), or the equivalent in the form of dried whole egg or frozen whole egg.

Prices for the first two commodities are the same as those stipulated in the relative 1948 Agreements. For eggs, the prices are slightly lower.

Mr. Gardiner gave additional particulars of these three new food contracts to the Conference.

NELSON, B.C.—H. W. Horridge, M.P., for Kootenay West, favors a ban on the sale of crime comics. In a letter to Rev. W. J. Silverwood, Nelson minister who has forwarded petitions to Victoria and to Federal authorities by Nelson citizens seeking such a ban, he wrote that he would do everything he could to further the cause at Ottawa.

MOOSOMIN, Sask.—Awarding of plates for destruction of crows and ravens to the public has been discontinued as follows: 1. Harvey Trauman, Woodlands district, 2. Lloyd Graham, Stanley district, 3. Norma Buckland, Woodlands district.

WINNIPEG.—Permanent license plates will be issued for motor vehicles in 1950 under a plan awaiting final approval by the Manitoba cabinet.

Meantime current plates will be left on cars for 1949, owners being given a small aluminum "49" tag to cover the "48" figure.

ELMIRA, Man.—Mrs. Eugenia Grieck, who once painted a portrait of a Polish president and was given a studio in his castle as a reward, is painting in her spare time. Two paintings she has done in Canada are on display at the Winnipeg art gallery.

EDMONTON.—Edmonton's traffic officers really take their job seriously—they play no favorites. Mayor Harry Ainlay paid a \$2 fine for infractions of parking regulations. The mayor was reportedly thinking of something else when he parked his automobile because he was given two tickets in one day.

CALGARY, Alta.—The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede has ended 1948 with a net loss of \$100,000, more than \$150,000—the highest in history—according to the 63rd annual report.

REGINA.—A whopping piece of land, 100 acres, Mr. Zedek, says, after it's hard to drag one foot after the other on the home trek. A good day will produce four to six antlers with luck some of them being pairs.

Hunting horns begin after the snow disappears when deer begin appearing in antlers in preparation for a new set. Mr. Zedek has mounted some deer heads and used deer legs for stool and gun racks.

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## IS BACKACHE JUST A SIGN OF AGE?

Many people suffer an aching back—especially—helping you must expect a few aches and pains when you "getting on" in years!

But backache is often caused by the fault and the kidney and liver live. See how much better you feel after taking Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and your kidney and liver will be rid of the trouble from your bloodstream. That's because this time-proven Dr. Chase remedy treats two conditions at once—kidney and liver. It's a special diet for the kidney and liver disorders which often cause backache.

Best of all is sweet. Lumps strung on a wire, or nailed to a tree, will bring cheerful chirps from flocks of hungry birds during those cold winter months.

—By Chuck Thurston

## Western Briefs

### Collecting Deer Antlers A Hobby

YORKTON, Sask.—As far as H. R. Zacker is concerned collecting deer antlers as a hobby has its points.

Zacker is a collector of Number One Sizable Wiltshire sides. This price is unchanged from that of the contract negotiated a year ago for deer antlers of 1948, 100,000 pounds.

Next year's contract quantity will probably absorb all bacon available for export, he estimated. To make as sure as possible that the U.K. gets this bacon, export controls on pork products will be maintained with the provision that 100,000 pounds will be delivered when it is available.

The new cheese contract is for an unchanged 50,000,000 pounds, at the same price as in 1948, which has been on the basis of 30 cents per pound set by the factory. There be no requisitioning of cheese from factories in 1949, said Mr. Gardiner.

The 1949 egg agreement is for the equivalent of forty-six million dozen covering the eleven months period from February 1 to December 31. The adjusted volume figure of the egg contract is 1,533,000 cases.

The new set of deer hunting regulations will be in effect January 1, 1949, to January 31, 1949, was for seventy-four million dozen.

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As the season heralds the approach of a New Year, our thoughts turn to the business associates with whom our relationships have been most cordial.

## It is our hope . . .

*that the New Year will bring you a larger measure of Health, Happiness and Prosperity*



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**Norm's Barber Shop**  
N. Johnson

**McInnes & Holloway**  
Park Memorial, Calgary

**Edlund's Rexall Drug Store**  
A. E. Edlund

**George Becker**  
Cabinetmaker

**B. F. Keirnan**  
Imperial Oil Products

**Wm. Laut**  
The International Man

**E. M. Tweedale**  
Cambridge Clothes

**Cold Storage Lockers**  
W. J. Rownt

**Atlas Lumber Co.**  
H. R. Fitzpatrick

**Modern Service**  
and Auto Court  
W. H. Stewart

**Your Co-Op. Store**  
E. Hopkins, Mgr.

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**Village Council**  
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**Bill's Sales & Service**  
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**L. B. Beddoes**  
Oliver Machinery Agent

**Hank's Pool Room**  
H. W. Fricke

**Crossfield Mutual Tel. Co.**  
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**Insurance & Real Estate**  
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**Fire & Automobile Insurance**  
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H. R. Ballam & Staff

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